

A Copy of a Letter written by Our Blessed Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

AND found eighteen Miles from Iconiam, sixty-three Years after our Blessed Saviour's Crucifixion.

Transmitted from the Holy City by a converted Jew.

Faithfully Translated from the Original Hebrew Copy, now in the Possession of the Lady Cuba's Family in Mesopotamia.

This Letter was written by JESUS CHRIST, and found under a great Stone, round and large, at the Foot of the Cross Upon the Stone was engraven Blessed is he that shall turn me over. All People that saw it, pray to God earnestly, and de-



fired, That he would make this Writing known unto them; and that they might not attempt in vain to turn it over. In the mean time there came out a little Child, about six or seven Years of Age, and turned it over without Assistance, to the Admiration of every Person that was standing by. It was carried to the City of Iconium, and there published by a Person belonging to the Lady Cuba.

On the Letter was written.
The Commandments of Jesus Christ.

Signed by the Angel Gabriel, twenty-four Years after Our Saviour's Birth.

To which is added,

King Agbarus's Letter to Our Saviour, and our Saviour's Answer. Also, His Cures and Miracles.

Likewise, Lentulus's Epistle to the Senate of Rome, containing, A Description of the Person of Jesus Christ.

A LETTER of JESUS CHRIST.



Whoever worketh on the Sabbath-Day shall be cursed. I command you to go to Church, and keep the Lord's Day holy, without doing any Manner of Work. You shall not idly spend your Time in bedecking yourself with Superfluities of costly Apparel, and vain Dresses; for I have ordained a Day of Rest: I will have that Day kept holy, that your Sins be forgiven you. You shall not break my Commandments, but observe and keep them; write them in your Hearts, and steadfastly observe, That it was written with my own Hand, and spoken with my own Mouth. You shall not only go unto the Church yourself, but also send your Men-Servants and your Maid-Servants; and observe my Words, and learn my Commandments. You shall finish your Labour every Saturday in the Afternoon, by Six o'clock; at which Hour the Preparation for the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in every Year, beginning with Good-Friday; and continuing the four Fridays immediately following, in Remembrance of the five bloody Wounds which I received for all Mankind. You shall diligently and peaceably labour in your respective Callings, wherein it hath pleased God to call you. You shall love one another with brotherly Love: and cause them that are baptized to come to Church, and receive the Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to be made Members of the Church in so doing. I will give you a long Life, and many Blessings; your Land shall flourish, and your Cattle bring forth in Abundance, and I will give unto you many Blessings and Comforts in the greatest Temptations; and he that doth to the contrary shall be unprofitable. I will also send a Hardness of Heart upon them, till I see them, but especially upon the Impenitent and Unbelievers. He that hath given to the Poor, shall not be unprofitable; Remember to keep holy the Sabbath-Day; for the Seventh Day I have taken to rest myself. And he that hath a Copy of this my own Letter written with my own Hand, and spoken with my own Mouth, and keepeth it, without publishing it to others, shall not prosper; but he that publisheth it to others shall be blessed of me; and though his Sins be in Number as the Stars of the Sky, and he believes in this, he shall be pardoned; and if he believes not in this Writing, and this Commandment, I will send my own Plagues upon him, and consume both him and his Children, and his Cattle. And whosoever shall have a Copy of this Letter, written with my Hand, and keep in their Houses, nothing shall hurt him, neither Lightning, Pestilence, nor Thunder, shall do them any Hurt. And if a Woman be with Child, and in Labour, and a Copy of this Letter be about her, and she firmly puts her Trust in me, she shall safely be delivered of her Birth.

You shall not have any Tidings of me, but by the Holy Scripture, until the Day of Judgment. All Goodness, Happiness, and Prosperity shall be in the House where a Copy of this my Letter shall be found.

CHRIST's Cures and Miracles.

HE cleansed a Leper, by touching him. He healed the Centurion's Servant afflicted with the Palsy, Peter's Mother-in-law of a Fever. Several

possessed of Devils. A most violent Tempest stilled by him. A Man sick of the Palsy cured. Raised a Man from the Dead. Cured two blind Men. A dumb Man, who was possessed of a Devil. Fed above five thousand with five Loaves and two Fishes. Walked on the Sea. All Diseases in Genesareth with five Loaves Touch of his Garment. Cured a Woman of a Devil, and Multitudes, both Lame, Blind, Dumb, Maimed, &c. He fed above four thousand with seven Loaves, and a few little Fishes.

King AGBARUS's Letter to CHRIST.

I Have heard of Thee, and of the Cures wrought by Thee, without Herbs or Medicines: For it is reported, Thou restorest unto Sight the Blind, makest the Lame to walk, cleansest the Lepers, raisest the Dead, and healest those that are tormented with Diseases of long Continuance. Having heard all this of Thee, I was fully persuaded to believe one of these two Things; either that Thou art very GOD, and camest down from Heaven to do such Miracles; or else; that Thou art the SON of GOD, and performest them: Wherefore I have now sent these Lines, intreating thee to come hither, and cure my Diseases. Besides, having heard that the Jews murmur against Thee, and contrive to do Thee Mischief, I invite Thee to my City, which is but little indeed, but exceeding beautiful, and sufficient to entertain us both.

Our SAVIOUR's Answer.

Blessed art Thou, Agbarus, for believing in me, whom thou hast not seen; for it is written, that they who have seen me, should not believe, and they who have not seen, should believe and be saved: But as to the Matter thou hast wrote about, these are to acquaint thee, that all the Things for which I am sent must be fulfilled, and then I shall be taken up, and return to him that sent me. But after my Ascension, I will send one of my Disciples, who shall cure thy Disorder, and give Life to thee, and to all them that are with thee.

LENTULUS's Epistle to the Senate of ROME.

THERE appeared in these our Days a Man of great Virtue, called Jesus Christ; who by the People is called a Prophet; but his own Disciples call him the Son of God. He raiseth the Dead, and cureth all manner of Diseases. A Man of Stature somewhat tall, and comely, with a reverend Countenance such as the Beholders may both fear and love. His Hair is the Colour of a chestnut full ripe, and is plain almost down to his ears, but from thence downwards it is something curled, but more of the oriental colour, waving about his shoulders; in the middle of his Head is a seam or parting like the Nazarites. His forehead very plain and smooth. His Face without either Wrinkle or Spot, beautified with a comely red; his nose and mouth so formed that nothing can be reprehended; his beard thick, the Colour of the hair of his head; his eyes grey, clear, and quick. In reproving he is severe, in countenancing courteous; he is of a fair-spoken, pleasant, and grave Speech; never seen by any to laugh, but often seen by many to weep. In proportion to his Body he is well shapen and strait; and both his hands and Arms a very delectable. In speaking he is very temperate, modest and wise. A Man, for his singular Beauty far exceeding all the Sons of Men;